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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kevin Gordon Jr.)
Application No: 10/633,177)
Filed: August 1, 2003)
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR)
WELDING OF PARTS)
Art Unit: 1734)
Confirmation No.: 4889)
Examiner: George R. Koch)

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Response is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Office Action, dated March 21, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the telephone conference of May 19, 2005 with Applicants' counsel.

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper; however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference STE-023.01.**

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Please amend claim 1 as set forth hereinbelow. Applicant respectfully suggests that claim 1 as amended is in condition for allowance, for the reasons set forth below, and that dependent claims 2-15, which depend from claim 1, therefore also are in condition for allowance.

Claims 16-30 were withdrawn from prosecution by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 21, 2005 as a consequence of the fact that Applicant previously had received an action on the merits with respect to claims 1-15.